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The Framing of Pasadena Dentist, Dr. Druciel Ford

The Black Voice News

PASADENA

Reprinted from Los Angeles Sentinel

The criminal prosecution of popular Pasadena dentist Dr. Druciel Ford, is the kind of case any law-abiding citizen should fear. Medical and dental professionals should pay particular attention to the case. If you can be criminally

prosecuted for what Dr. Ford is being accused of, than any time you treat a client and get an adverse reaction -- you could end up in jail and with a suspended license. No one would even practice medicine, or law for that matter if professionals had to be criminally liable for the unknown.

That's just the face of this case, the presumption of guilt until proven innocent, because a

teenager went into arrest over what the D.A. thinks may have been the misapplication of an anesthesia, chloral hydrate. But as the facts of

the D.A.'s office to prosecute this case.

This is a classic witchhunt, the fabrication of which was a year in

Star-News, that in the final analysis represents the framing of a case against one of Pasadena's most popular and respected pediatric dentists.

If you have been following the case of Dr. Druciel Ford over the past month, you would assume that this is some jackleg dentist who was pulling teeth in the back room of some shady operation and accidentally over sedated some

patient that almost died. If you've been following the media accounts of this story, you would think that it involved someone who deserved to have his license suspended for endangering children.

The "public" persona of this case has been "to get the rascals imitating dentists and make it safe for children to go to the dentist again." The "stop it before it

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COMMENTARY

this case become public, you will see the underlining of a long time vendetta by a Pasadena police officer and an overzealous Deputy D.A. going against the wishes of

the making that has the collaboration of the Pasadena Police Department, the Pasadena Office of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and the Pasadena

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Respected Publisher Joe Coley Dies

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BAKERSFIELD

Joseph Lee Coley, Sr., Publisher of the Bakersfield News Observer died recently after a battling a long illness.

Coley was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina and was the fourth of six children.

His early childhood years were spent in Goldsboro, where he attended Goldsboro Public Schools. In 1940, after relocating to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he attended Temple University, taking courses in journalism. He later enlisted in the United States Navy. During his military career, he served in World War II and the Korean War. Coley retired with an honorable discharge in 1968.

He married Mattie Kelly, who preceded him in death in 1959. He later married Rosa Vitolo, to this union two daughters Christine Sadie and Jacqueline Mary were born. In 1970, he married Ellen Cleek, and they had three sons and one daughter, Jeffrey Allen, JoEllen, Joseph Jr., and Jonathan William.

In 1970, Coley founded the Bakersfield News Observer, a Black-owned newspaper. He was affiliated with many organizations, just to name a few, The West Coast Black Publishers, where he served as treasurer and educational fund incorporator, National Newspaper Publishers Association and he was a member of Knights of Columbus and the Elks. The Observer later expanded to Lancaster, San Fernando and Los Angeles.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Ellen Cleek-Coley, three daughters: Christine and husband Pulealii of Marina, CA; Jacqueline and husband Robert Pasikala of Benecia, CA; JoEllen and husband Daryl Francisco-Jountti of Bakersfield, CA; three sons Jeffrey and wife Robin Cleek-Coley of Wildomar; Joseph Jr. and Jonathan both of Bakersfield, 12 grandchildren; five nieces, three nephews, one uncle, seventeen great nieces and nephews and a host of cousins, family and friends.

Rep. Waters Potential Vice Presidential Candidate

The Black Voice News

WASHINGTON, DC

In an article appearing in *Parade* magazine's February 20 issue, The White House Project identified Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) along with 14 other women as one of its candidates to appear on a national ballot highlighting the top women leaders who possess the record and the credentials to be Vice President.

The White House Project serves as a non-profit, non-partisan public awareness campaign to change the political climate so that women can launch successful campaigns for U.S. Presidency and other key positions. It is also committed to raising awareness of women's leadership in American politics.



Rep. Maxine Waters

President Commemorates Bloody Sunday in Selma



President William Jefferson Clinton (center) surrounded him is Rev. Jesse Jackson, Coretta Scott King, Congressman John Lewis, Houghton, Harris Wofford, Antar Breaux, Senator Sanders, Rose Sanders, Joe Lowrey, Andy Young, Josea Williams Mrs. Boynton, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Doyle, Rev. Hunter, Governor Siegalman and Mayor Smitheran.

On March 5, 2000, president William Jefferson Clinton became the first sitting President to visit Selma, Alabama when he delivered a speech marking the 35th anniversary of the "Bloody Sunday" march across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge.

The original march, which was routed from Selma to Montgomery, 54 miles away, was organized and led by now Rep. John Lewis to protest the denial of the right to vote to African Americans in the South. This now famous march was disrupted when Alabama police and National Guardsmen attacked the 600 men, women and children marchers with clubs and stampeding horses. John Lewis was one of many who were seriously injured in the melee. This event provoked the outrage of President Johnson and the nation. Two weeks later, on March 21, 1965, more than 3,000 marchers, under the protection of federal troops and led by Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr., successfully marched across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on the way to Montgomery. Six months later, the Congress passed and President Johnson signed the Voting rights Act of 1965.

President Clinton was a second semester freshman at Georgetown University in Washington on Bloody Sunday. But he recalls it as a seminal event in American history and one that fueled his life-long commitment to

political activism, racial reconciliation and public service.

The President joined John Lewis, Jesse Jackson, Coretta Scott King and more than 15,000 citizens at the reenactment of the March.

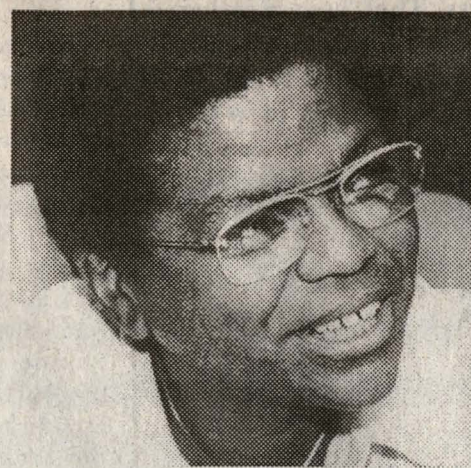
Mary Frances Berry Keynotes Women's Conference 2000

The Black Voice News

RIVERSIDE

Mary Frances Berry, chairperson of the United States Civil Rights Commission, will address other politically influential women Saturday, March 25 in Riverside at "Women's Conference 2000: Forging an Extraordinary Century for Women."

Sponsored by the Women's Resources Center at the University of California, Riverside, this fourth annual conference offers politically-focused panel discussions, workshops, exhibits and a rally called "50/50 by 2020" that calls for equal representation in



Mary Frances Berry

political life for women by the year

2020. All sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, 3400 Market St., Riverside.

Workshop topics include how to run for political office; presentation skills; leadership; demystifying gay and lesbian issues; health for success; and preparation for Beijing+5, the global conference on women.

Berry, who is the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a former Assistant Secretary for Education for the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, will

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Local Officials Arrest Drug Trafficking Ring

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RIVERSIDE

A joint law enforcement investigation has led to the dismantling of a Riverside-based drug trafficking organization that imported drugs from Mexico and used street gang members to sell the drugs.

The organization, which was allegedly headed by Barry Tolbert, 36, was shut down after a six-month investigation that utilized undercover operatives and federally authorized wiretaps.

The takedown of Operation Prize Fighter was announced by United States Attorney Alejandro N. Mayorkas and Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Michele M. Leonhart. Other DEA officials joined local authorities in Riverside at a press conference to announce that additional defendants are being arrested on state narcotics charges.

According to documents filed in federal court in Los Angeles, the Tolbert narcotics trafficking ring was responsible for the importation and distribution of methamphetamine,

cocaine and crack cocaine.

United States Attorney Mayorkas noted that the arrests announced are the result of an investigation that featured a very high degree of cooperation between federal drug agents and

investigators with the Riverside Police Department and the Riverside Sheriff's Department.

The leader of the organization, Barry Tolbert, of Riverside, was arrested and remains in custody.

Nine others were arrested on federal charges. They are: Mickey Brown, 39; Naketa Sims, 22; Harold Smith, 28; Rafael Villafane, 28; Manuel Preciado, 37; Grace Webb, 57; Lena Carpenter,

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Protesters Continue March on Sheriff Penrod's Office

The Black Voice News

SAN BERNARDINO

The numbers might be small but their commitment to justice is big. They march every Thursday from ten to eleven in front of Sheriff Gary Penrod's office on Third street in San Bernardino.

Last week, marchers included Chris Ellis, Rev. Bernell Butler, Willie Hoyrst, Earlene Mayfield, Mary Shelton and Gwendolyn Butler.

They are protesting the hiring of Paul Bugar into the sheriff office as dispatcher. Bugar was fired from the Riverside Police Department after Tyisha Miller was shot and killed by Bugar and three other officers in 1998.

A bigger protest is being planned by the Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches on April 1st. Hundreds are expected to protest Penrod's decision.



Chris Ellis, Rev. Bernell Butler, Willie Hoyrst, Earlene Mayfield, Mary Shelton and Gwendolyn Butler.

We are pleased to report that we have developed a streamlined application process for our Proposition 10 program funding. The Riverside County Children and Families Commission has allocated \$5,000 to this initial funding stream, which is reserved for organizations desiring to expand current programs and services. Completed proposals must be postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than February 22, 2000. Late Proposals will not be accepted. For more information contact Stella Smith at (909) 358-5339.

Editorial

Don't Turn Back

By Hardy Brown

The city council approved two more recommendations submitted to them by the Use Of Force Panel established by Mayor Ron Loveridge at their meeting on March 7, 2000. All of this comes on the heels of the fatal shooting of Tyisha Miller December 28, 1998. One of the recommendations approved last week deals with placing more experienced officers on the night shift. Many people have expressed the view that these recommendations will travel many miles in building trust and accountability between the citizens of the community and the police department. We agree.



Hardy Brown

It is written that "when the plowman plows and the thresher, threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest." Well, the city council is now plowing new ground by approving more of the well researched recommendations of the Mayors Use Of Force Panel. And, their actions are starting to produce a harvest of safety for the citizens for which the police provide service.

As stated by John Holmes, City Manager, "the Police Department has already benefited from the acquisition of less lethal equipment in the department." Holmes went on to say, "In responding to a request for assistance in the handling of a mentally ill individual, two Riverside officers were able to stop an assault using a recently purchased Taser unit. The new Taser equipment enabled the officers to end the event without injury to anyone." It is quite clear that the death of Tyisha Miller will not be in vain if the city council continues to move in the direction as recommended by the committee. It is also refreshing to hear that the Police Association has placed their hands on the plow and are beginning to move in the same direction. It is also written that "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service." We are suggesting to the council and police association "to not look back." They should continue in the direction of justice for Tyisha Miller and to prevent other incidents like the tragic shooting in the future, as stated by the Tyisha Miller Steering Committee.

The Miller committee must be commended for not turning back since the fatal shooting of this young Black teenager in need of medical attention on that night. They have weathered the storms of opposing verbal abuse. They have weathered the storm of harassment by Riverside's justice system. They have weathered the storm of negative press. They have weathered the storm of internal disagreement. They have weathered the storm of no funds against their foe of unlimited funds. It is quite clear that when they placed their hands on the plow it was to see justice done. We are commending the city council's action and also requesting that when their hands are on the plow "of service" not to turn back.

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happens to your child" hysteria that gave the D.A. and the Pasadena police "carte blanche" to close down this woman's successful practice, before civil and state dental examiner complaints could be completed, and liability determined, created a local newspaper press frenzy that other media organizations picked up and fed on like sharks smelling blood in the water.

Anything about children, doctors, and negligence mentioned in the same sentence is news anywhere. But a review of surrounding facts in this case warrant a closer look. And the closer you look, the more inclined you will be to pass judgement. Dr. Ford is a pediatric dentist serving the Pasadena (and surrounding) community the last 21 years. During that time, she has treated over 50,000 patients, including my youngest daughter. Dr. Ford has never had any complaints filed against her prior to this incident. A state investigator claims there were five but without merit (plus nobody can find them but him).

This woman has a stellar reputation in Pasadena and in Riverside where she grew up. Everyone that has had anything to say about Dr. Ford since this case broke, only has said how kind and caring she has been with their children. She has four adopted children of her own.

People can't believe this is the Dr. Ford the media is making out to be so careless, because it's not. The police set this case up from the jump, with the D.A. and the media. Eight Pasadena Police Officers showed up at her office

last month, and arrested her in front of a room full of patients. The charges; 14 counts, including five felony counts of child abuse (endangerment), unprofessional conduct, and obstructing a peace officer or EMT.

The center of the charges stem from the allegation that a patient, Melissa McGrath, almost died in the dental chair when given, what the district attorney is saying, was an excessive dose of chloral hydrate, a sedative given to children during dental work. However, the D.A.'s experts, in a review of the case, said it was allowable. Dr. Ford's license has been suspended, pending the outcome of a preliminary trial hearing.

This is what the public has had drummed in their heads by what most everybody has seen as biased reporting by the *Pasadena Star News* (whom McGrath's mother is employed by). What the public doesn't know is that this case was declined by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Medical Division who says this is a civil matter, or a possible misdemeanor matter to be referred to a local city attorney. That the leading investigator on the case, Pasadena Detective Walter Ireland, is a former patient of Dr. Ford -- and became disgruntled over 10 years ago when she refused to allow him to stand in the room with his child during dental surgery. He is also the person who went "D.A. shopping" to find someone who would file the case, while they tried to find something more.

The *Pasadena Star News* has yet to investigate these motives behind this case, though it's gonna

come out in court. The judge initially set her bail at \$380,000. On the same day Dr. Ford was arrested, a woman in Orange County ran over her estranged husband in a car, jumped out -- stood over him -- cursed him -- got back in the car -- put the car in reverse (clearly intending to kill him) -- backed up over him again (killing him), was arrested and her bail was only \$250,000. Now you tell me. ...

What makes this matter worse is never in the history of California has a dentist been criminally prosecuted and had his license suspended, for a child that didn't die. Nor has a dentist had his license suspended before due process was afforded, civilly and by the state examiner.

Five years ago, an Orange County dentist overdosed three people on one day (killed 'em) and wasn't prosecuted. Outcomes can't always be predicted, and clearly there was no criminal intent. It may be a negligence

case, but this is not a criminal matter. This would never happen to "the other man." Some are naive enough to believe that race is not a factor, but there should be plenty about the constitutionality of taking someone's livelihood away before the facts are known.

Dr. Ford is being framed in a way that should send chills through any dentist that practices. Dr. Ford should be given her license back until she is found guilty of something.

This woman, with such an established record, is no danger to society. The only thing she's guilty of now, is being the victim of a frame-up. And with a legal team like Edi Faal, Bob McNeil and company, that will come out in trial. ...if there is one. Free Dr. Druciel Ford to practice dentistry again. But free ourselves from malicious prosecution antics. Dr. Ford today, any of the rest of us, tomorrow.

If you don't believe it, just follow this case.

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42; Rondie Gibbs; and James Thompson.

Two others named in federal criminal complaints are currently in state custody after previously being arrested as part of this investigation. They are: Shabazz Hasan, 20 and Lacya Sain, 20.

All of these defendants are expected to make the initial appearance in United States District Court in Los Angeles.

Two were released Tuesday night. Lecoya Sain and Mickey Brown, 39, who says she lives

in Palm Springs and has lived there for years. Brown says she didn't do anything wrong. "I never been locked up in my life. They (the arresting officers) said they knew I'd help the community," said Brown. The judge said let her go because the paperwork was lost and there was nothing there to hold her.

Assistant United States Attorney Timothy Searight told Black Voice News "that it is not enough to know them. They have to have some involvement, she is not aware of what it (charges) is.

BVN Readers Speak Out: What's On Your Mind?

HOW MANY WHITE MEN DO YOU KNOW?

How many White men do you know worry about forty-one bullets puncturing their body as they reach for their wallet? How many White men do you know starring in a Broadway show are falsely arrested in the lobby of their residence and held in custody for five hours? How many white men do you know worry about being arrested simply because of their skin color--e.g., DWW (Driving While White)? How many white men do you know were scared to death when the policemen broke down his door alleging a drug bust? How many White Policemen do you know were shot to death by fellow officers they attended the police academy with because they mistook them for a criminal?

How many white Grandmothers do you know were beaten to death by White policeman because they considered an elder white woman to be a physical threat? How many White men do you know that have been dragged through the streets and decapitated or had a plugger shoved up their rectum? How many middle class White families do you know require their teenagers to never run down the street for fear they may be shot by some policemen who mistake them as a criminal? How many White mothers do you know kiss their sons' good-bye in the morning and check to see that they have the card of the family attorney in their wallet or lunch pail? This is the daily reality of African Americans.

The American court system can convict and sentence a Black fourteen-year-old Nathaniel Abraham to life in a prison or death row, but exonerate four New York City officers in the cold-blooded murder of the African immigrant Diallo. This verdict sends a chilling message to all African Americans of what is in store for the Black community.

Black life, the humanity and

dignity of African people are being attacked on every front and those in the Black community with access to the Electronic media remain silent. Michael Jordan remains the highest paid gigolo for product

promotions, Oprah devoted countless hours to exploring the human spirit but rarely speaks to the escalated attack on Black people, culture and life. We could all afford to re-read the great Black

poet Claude McKay:

If we must die, let it not be like hogs hunted and penned in an inglorious spot, While round us

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Family Talks



Joseph A. Bailey, II M.D.

Mob violence is as old as mankind. One of its practices -- lynching -- was particularly prominent in the European Middle Ages despite Christian teachings strongly against terrorism and lawlessness (Num. 35:30; Deut. 17:6). Back then the word "lynch" -- spelled "linch" in old English -- meant punishment by whipping or tarring and feathering. In USA pioneer days, the population expanded westward faster than the law could follow. Everywhere there were outlaws preying on the better classes. Therefore, people came up with different ways of by-passing the "niceties" of legal trials. Horse-stealing was considered a capital crime since it was practically impossible to work the land without horses. As a result, citizen groups of pioneer vigilantes banded together and formulated civil ways of capturing and punishing the "bad guys" -- by warnings, whippings, or expulsion. For murderers, rapists, and horse thieves punishment could be by

Lynching

hanging but this was infrequent.

In the Old West, the ones hanged were predominantly White and, in lesser numbers, Native Americans. The property value of slaves and the jurisdiction of their masters over such slaves minimized large scale lynchings of Negroes. By 1836, the concept of lynch changed to include all forms of assault performed by vigilantes in the Old West. Credit for the name lynch was attributed to people named Lynch in Virginia, to a "Regulators" group in Lynch's Creek, South Carolina, and to Major J. Lynch Fitzstephen in Galway, Ireland (who executed his own son in 1526 by hanging). A compromise meaning for "lynch" was the punishing of an accused person without lawful trial. This slight form of injustice before the Civil War was termed "Lynch's Law" and later "lynch law." For the most part, it was orderly and methodical and the vigilantes were strongly opposed to mob rule. Its distinctive feature was stern and swift on-the-spot execution following a guilty verdict -- i.e. a "rough-and-ready" justice.

By contrast, there was rule by Mob Law whereby unpopular suspects were deprived of their rights; actions were taken to satisfy a mob's thirst for vengeance. But this type of vengeance was not about the

handling of wrongs done to God but rather releasing mob hatred. Mob law rose into prominence in the post-Civil War south during Reconstruction. From this point on, lynching was used even where legal institutions existed. Victims did not have a chance to defend themselves because the mob simply assumed its victim was guilty.

Or, if a vigilante thought a Negro had been convicted of a crime but had not received a stiff enough sentence, the mob might break into the jail and punish him in their own way -- often by mutilation, burning with fire, and hanging. Thus, by the late 1800's, Lynching became limited to **Inflicting the Sentence of Death by Hanging Strangulation Without an Official Trial.** It is difficult to accurately determine how many were lynched because some were not reported and other were reported as "homicides." Of those reported between 1882 and 1951 there were 4,730 lynched, the peak year of 1892 having 234. There have been scattered reports since the 1950's, with many lynchings being the result of a deep South **Kangaroo Court** -- an illegal mock or sham court usually under the umbrella of the local legal system.

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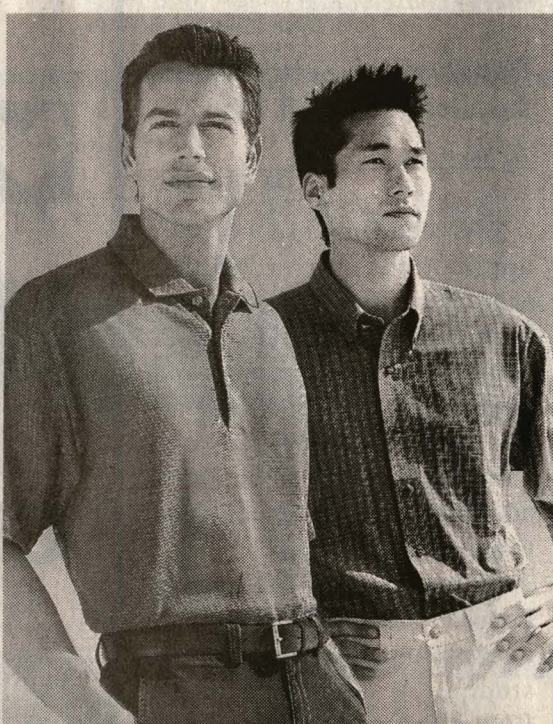
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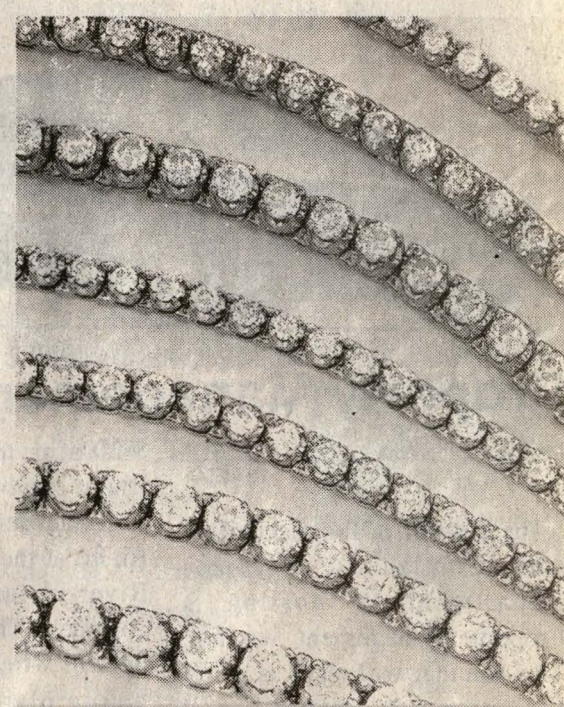


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How To Get Better Gas Mileage

The Black Voice News

By William H. Clark II

Here are a few thrifty ideas to

improve your gas mileage, and to go further on less!

- Inflate tires to proper pressure. Old, worn tires should be replaced with new ones for

better traction.

- Tune up the engine, replace air filter and other basic maintenance items so your vehicle can burn fuel most efficiently.

- Drive conservatively. Accelerate slowly. Driving at 55 mph rather than 70 will increase your mileage by up to 10%.

- Keep the vehicle clean and waxed, to minimize air friction.

- Driving at highway speeds with the windows up and the air conditioning on is actually more efficient than driving with the windows down because of lower air resistance.

- Remove excess items from the trunk and keep the fuel tank at most half full, to reduce vehicle weight.

- Remove luggage racks or other items on the top to lower

air resistance.

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Deadline for Scholarship Application April 7th

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The deadline to submit applications for a \$5,000 scholarship from The Lagrant Foundation is April 7, 2000. Minority undergraduate and graduating high school students pursuing a degree in communications or business administration are encouraged to apply.

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Property Management Seminar Set in Rialto

The Black Voice News

RIALTO

The City of Rialto Recreation and Community Services Department is hosting a Property Management Seminar. This seminar will serve as a tool for property owners and managers to use in effectively managing their income property and is open to all property owners, managers, or any interested persons who may want information on becoming a responsible property owner.

The seminar will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2000, from

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Rialto Playhouse, located at 150 East San Bernardino Avenue, in Rialto at the northeast corner of Riverside and San Bernardino Avenues. The cost is \$20.00 per person when you pre-register before March 17, and \$25.00 from March 18 to April 1, 2000. Materials will be provided.

Topics to be covered include: property management issues, applicant screening, section eight housing programs, property maintenance inspections, code enforcement regulations, crime free housing programs, nuisance/abatement

forfeiture laws and much more. All participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the guest speakers. All of the guest speakers are experts in the field of property management.

This seminar is open to any interested parties, especially property owners and managers of rental property in Rialto or the surrounding areas. If you need further details you may contact Rosalind Joiner at (909) 820-2587. The deadline to submit early registration form and fees is Friday, March 17, 2000.

Toni Speaks

Back to Riverside after a few days away and I must say, it's good to be back. Let me tell you about the "Trip from Hades." I think that I commented enough on Alexandria, LA except to say that as we were departing on Thursday night for Dallas, a series of tornadoes were seen and we were kept on the ground for roughly five hours. Needless to say, I did not mind at all considering the choices of riding a crop duster through a storm or sitting watching Jed and Jethro go through their tirades for a couple of hours. I choose the J and J route.

Arriving in the Dallas area five hours after your flight has departed or canceled left a lot of us not only hungry and tired but nowhere to go except to a seat and wait. By the way, did I mention that no hotel rooms were available because of all the cancellations and storm? They finally accommodated us by bringing in cots and bag lunches. Hundreds of us slept in the Dallas Hilton (terminal) that night, on cots; in our clothes. Ever try to watch your purse and computer and sleep all at the same time. It ain't easy.

But on to the good part. Atlanta! Yea! A place that grabs you heart and soul and won't let go. Kaci Simmons-Hunter picked me up at the airport and it was no more sleep for the rest of the weekend. Museums, shopping, dancing, shopping, eating, shopping. Get the idea? Like I said, it's good to be back home.

I guess a few other people have arrived back from the Pelican State. Talked to LeRoy Barber and apparently he and Kat had a wonderful time in New Orleans doing the Mardi Gras bit. I hope they didn't eat

as much crawfish etoufee as I did. Could not reach Albretta or Manny for their comments, however I'm sure they had as much fun and ate as much as we all did.

Dr. Ruth Simmons,

President of Smith College was honored at a reception in her honor at the University of California, Extension Department. Dr. Simmons is the first African American woman to head a major college. She spoke to the audience about education for our people. We, as many of us are aware, are far behind Caucasians in this respect and we need to focus all our energy toward closing that educational gap. She also spoke about the change in admissions procedures that she instilled. Normally, teachers or other persons who are familiar with you write a recommendation letter for entry into college. She changed that procedure to allow the parents to state why they felt their children should be allowed



Toni Jackson

to attend college. She stated that this was one of the most rewarding pieces of information that she had received. Many parents stated that this child was the first in their family to ever attend college. This gives a whole different perspective on college entrance letters. Bravo to you Dr. Smith!

Call me at 686-4611 or email information to me at ToniSpeaks@aol.com.

Winners, One And All



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Pictured are all the winners of Lawry's Foods 5th Annual "Menu For Success" Essay Contest, entitled "Foodservice Industry of the New Millennium." The contest awards ceremony was recently held in front of 500 students, teachers, parents and well-wishers at John Muir Middle School. Contest winners received Certificates of Excellence and a total of more than \$1,000 in prizes.

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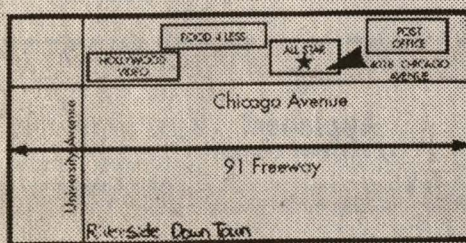
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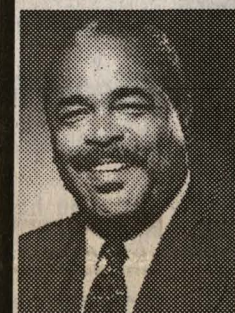
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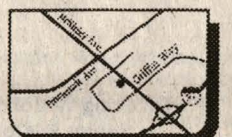
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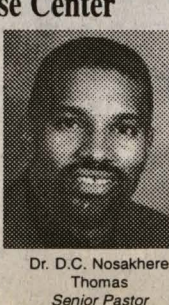


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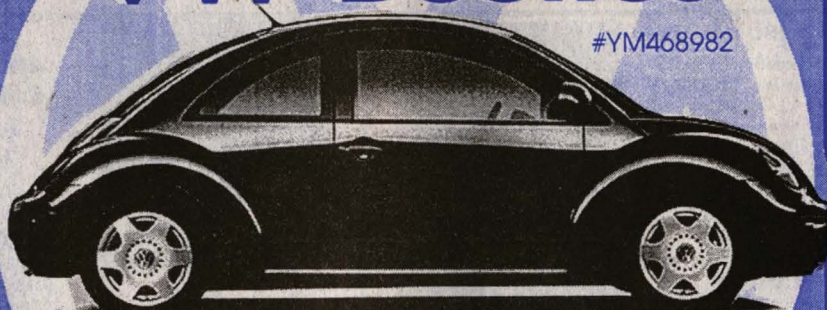
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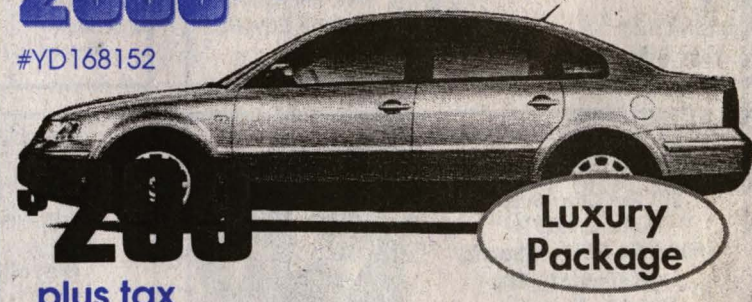
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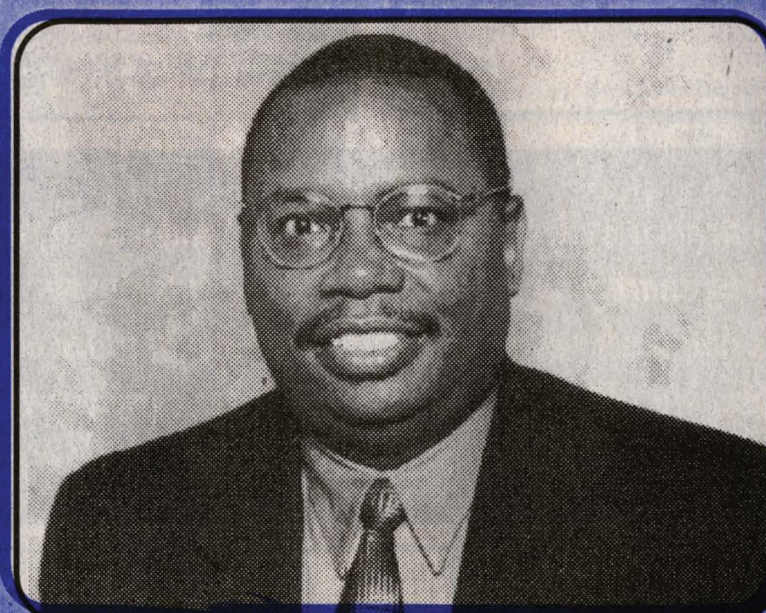


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Trinidad and Experience Overwhelms Reid

De La Hoya confirms Mosley fight at Staples Center in June.

LAS VEGAS -- Three-time Olympic Gold medalist, Felix "Tito" Trinidad??? Well, that's the assertion a happy, smiling Trinidad unleashed in the post fight press conference: "I guess since



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I've beaten (Pernell) Whitaker, (Oscar) De La Hoya, and now, (David) Reid... you can say I've won three gold medals."

Whitaker, De La Hoya and Reid, all have won Olympic titles, as well as world boxing championships.

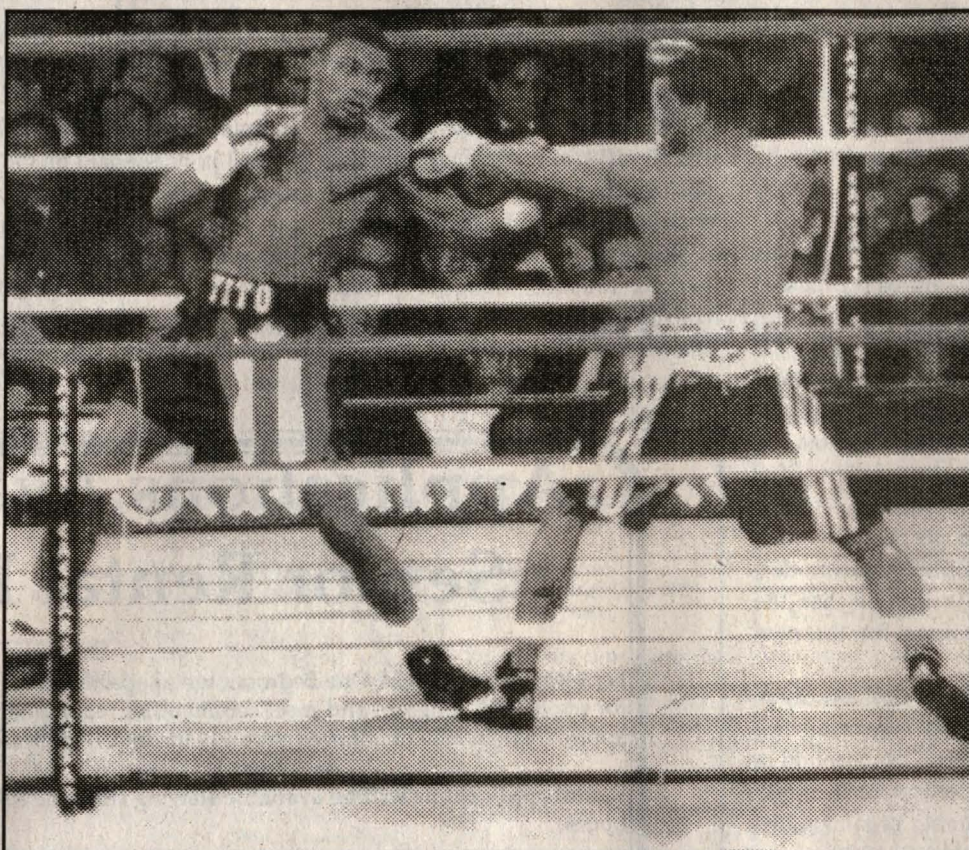
On a chilly, late-night winter evening, Trinidad and Reid took it to the street (parking lot), literally, and implemented an old-fashioned, rock'em, sock'em brawl that had all in attendance in awe.

Caesars Palace, with its self proclaimed title of "Home of Champions," has hosted more than 140 major boxing contest; however, since 1996, when the Palace undertook a \$600 million renovation, the famous outdoor arena became a distant memory.

Trinidad, 27, the Puerto Rican superstar, who continues to prove he is one of the most talented boxers pound-for-pound in the world, and Olympic Gold medalist Reid, 26, "The America Dream," christened Caesars' newly-constructed 10,000 seat outdoor stadium with a boxing match - something that at times in recent title matches has eluded fight fans.

Before a soldout audience and a national Showtime viewership, the Reid and Trinidad encounter, was no track meet, each fighter was face-to-face in the ring and put it all on the line. In the end, a more experienced

Trinidad (37-0, 30 KO's) earned



TOE-TO-TOE: Felix "Tito" Trinidad (l) and David Reid each touched the canvas, but it was Trinidad who got the upper hand in the late round to win a unanimous 12-round decision.

an unanimous 12-round decision over the game Reid (14-1, 7 KO's), and in the process claimed the World Boxing Association super welterweight crown.

Judges Stanley Christodoulou and Jerry Roth had it 115-107, while Duane Ford scored it 115-106.

Reid, who won three of the first four rounds on the majority of scorecards, looked to be the stronger and faster fighter. In fact, in the third round he sat Trinidad on his wallet with one of those shoot-from-the-hip right hands. Reid, early in the fight was popping that right hand out like it was a Jack-in-the-box toy.

"I felt close to victory when I put him down," Reid said, "but I just couldn't put the shots together to finish. I kinda regret not jumping on him a little more."

Explained Trinidad about the knockdown: "When I went down I was hurt. This was not the first time I've been down on the canvas, but when I get up I'm so dangerous. I never give-up in any fight."

As has been the case through out Trinidad's career, when knocked

down by an opponent, he generally comes back like a wounded lion - more brutal and focused than ever.

Staying true to his undefeated script, Trinidad never wavered. Like a powerful diesel engine, with precision-like efficiency and blue collar workmanship, Trinidad, the notorious slow starter, begin to gather momentum. By the seventh round he sat Reid on the canvas and followed that effort up with three more knockdowns in the 11th.

It appeared that once Reid knocked Trinidad down, he abandoned his boxing strategy and went for the kill.

"I think David got a little to comfortable," noted Al Mitchell his trainer and cornerman. "We went away from some of the things we've been working on. I think David gained valuable experience from this."

Added Reid: "It happens to a lot of fighters... when you knock your opponent down, they get happy and think they've won the fight. I probably fell into that trap a little."

From the sixth round on Trinidad won every round on all the judges

scorecards. In fact, as the fight wore on, it became a minor miracle Reid remained upright and finished the fight.

The 1996 gold medalist's legs turned to rubber in the 10th through the 12th, as he struggled mightily to hang on. To his credit, he could have thrown in the towel, yet he came out in the 12th round and continued to battle. Although experience maybe the what Reid is lacking, surely heart is what he has plenty of.

"I was so proud of Reid... he came to fight," said Trinidad's promoter Don King. "If you have extended a maximum effort, then there is no shame if you fall in the line of battle. One thing about Reid we now know, he doesn't have any heart troubles. He's a courageous fighter, who is gallant and proud."

With Trinidad's win the options for the future are numerous; however the man he wants most, De La Hoya, appears headed for a June 17th match with undefeated welterweight Shane Mosley. No matter that a Trinidad/De La Hoya rematch could earn each fighter \$20 million, the King and Bob Arum camps can't seem to come together.

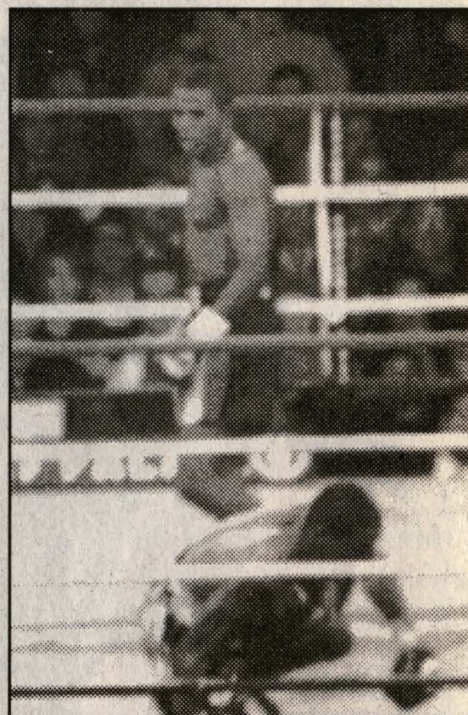
One of the main sticking points is that Trinidad has been having trouble making the 147 pound weight limit and wants to fight at the 154 pounds.

Trinidad said one of his future goals could be unifying the 154-

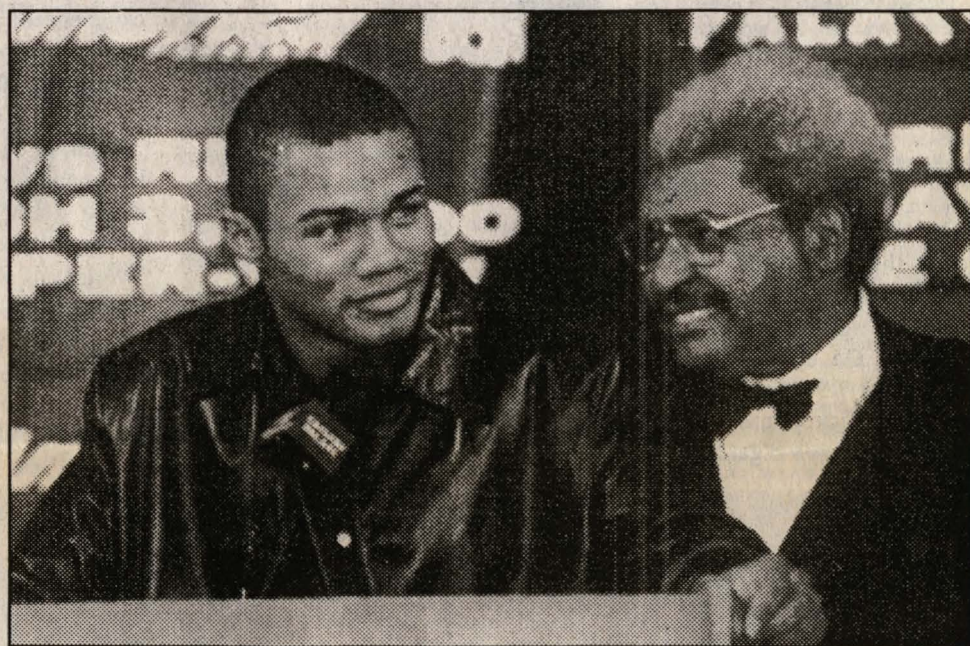
pound titles. Fernando Vargas of Oxnard, Calif., is the IBF champion, while Francisco Castillejo of Spain holds the WBC title.

Trinidad said he's not obsessed with a De La Hoya rematch because he's "already fought him and the world knows that I won." Yet he did admit, "It would be a great fight and the public would love it."

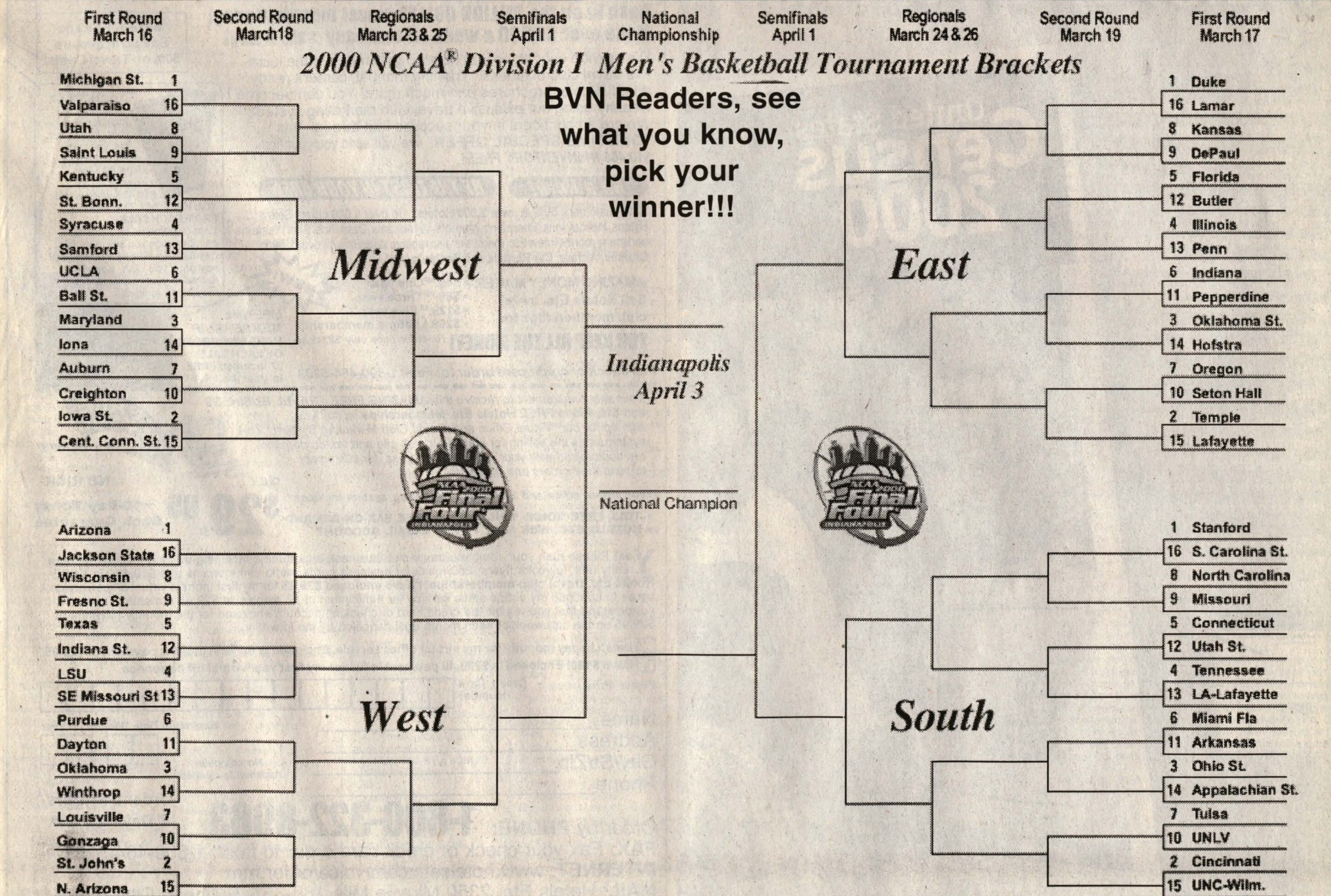
Only time and money and compromise will bring them back together again. It will happen again; it's just when?



DOWN: Trinidad put Reid down, but he could not keep the game fighter down.



BEST POUND-FOR-POUND BOXER?: Trinidad (l) and King says they are not going to wait for De La Hoya and are moving forward with their own agenda.



Ebony Fashion Fair Hits Riverside



The Black Voice News
RIVERSIDE

The 42nd Ebony Fashion Fair will be at the Riverside Municipal Auditorium 8 Performing Arts Center - 3845 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA on Thursday, March 30, 2000 at 7:30 p.m., Reception at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00. For more information regarding tickets,

please contact: William Barr (909) 242-1914. For a group of eight or more can be reserved if paid in full two weeks before the function upon availability.

Ebony Fashion Fair, the world's largest traveling fashion show, celebrates 42 years with FASHIONS 2000! This extraordinary show will reveal new, varied and exciting

designs for the millennium when it makes its debut this year on September 8th in Matteson, Illinois. The 42nd annual show will travel to 176 cities in the U.S. and Canada before it closes in Montreal on May 14.

Fashions 2000 features extravagant styles by world famous designers such as Bob Mackie, Givenchy, Yves Saint Laurent, Oscar de la Renta, Valentino, Emmanuel Ungaro and Black designers B. Michael, Eric Gaskins, L'Amour, de Alexander and Kevin Hall for Halston. Thirteen magnificent models - eleven gorgeous women (including the full-figured model) and two men - will showcase the provocative designs for the new millennium.

Not only is Ebony Fashion Show an exciting and entertaining experience, but since its inception in 1958 it has donated more than \$45 million to charitable organizations and travels to nearly 200 cities around the world. Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, a premier fashion authority, is producer and director.

The show is characterized by its glamour, elegance, and beauty and has all of the energy of a Broadway show, plus the flare of the world's most creative clothing designs makes Ebony Fashion Fair's Fashions 2000 an event that must be experienced!

Fashions 2000

Fashionites on the American and European circuit must have heard about "clothes for the millennium" so much that we're all wondering "what will we wear?" Fashion is inevitably linked to time - last year, this year and the moment's dominant look. The most, notable undercurrent, no matter what the look, was - relaxed!

Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana's glamorous collection featured romantic hand-painted butterflies and flowers on laminated stretch silks and mercury fabrics much like Reynolds wrap. Donatella Versace showed a spectacular group of skintight pinstripes with silver metallic touches. Lengths varied from thigh-high to ankle in most collections.

Russia's Valentin Yudashkin

showed a marvelous black sheer gown brushed stroked with bugle beads; Jean Louis Scherrer designed a spectacular gown of wild pheasant. Animal print was still on the fashion scene in a dramatic mylar fringed coat trimmed with fox designed by France's Carven.

Gucci's Tom Ford dwelled on the casual mood with long black skirts and anklelength pants. Skinny belts, sequinned sweaters, and plastic

trimmed shoes, high and low-heeled accessorized casual and evening wear. Colors ranged from vibrant yellow to deep blues in velvet, satin, silk and cybershine fabrics.

Designs for the millennium have never been more luxurious, intriguing...and yes, more wearable. It's Fashions 2000 for the turn of the century!

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1. Casa de la Vista (Rental Office)
686 E. Redlands Blvd.
Redlands, CA 92373
(909) 335-8888
2. American Baptist Homes of the West (ABHOW)
6120 Stoneridge Mall Road, 3rd Flr.
Pleasanton, CA 94588
1-800-222-2469, Extns. 7116, 7149 or 7181
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Deadline to submit rental applications is Friday, March 31, 2000 at the Casa de la Vista Rental Office or ABHOW. All applications being mailed on the last day must be post marked March 31, 2000 in order to be considered for the lottery.

It is anticipated that more applications will be received than the available apartments. A lottery will be held to determine priority for the 61 available units, with the remainder of the names drawn forming the waiting list.

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March 18, New band, Subset (former Presidents of the United States of America and Sir-Mix-A-Lot) will perform at the Roseland Theater in Portland on March 18. The show is the third stop on the band's 12-date, west coast, mini-tour.

March 20, The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and The 23rd District presents The Past Commanders' 23rd District and Past Presidents' 23rd District "Dinner," hosted by Dorie Miller Auxiliary Unit #639 at Post 188, 423 North La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, CA. RSVP to Ruth Skinner Poteat, 23rd District 2nd Vice President and Hostess at (323) 299-4990.

March 22, 5:45 p.m., Blueprint for Volunteer Diversity Class of 2000 will hold their graduation with keynote speaker Mary Figueroa at Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center, 3885 Jackson, Riverside. Graduation ceremony will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact (909) 697-4700.

March 25, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friends of Four-D Academy will sponsor a free legal service presentation to be made by Yvette McDowell of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. Ms. McDowell will explain how to protect your legal rights and where to go for help. The free presentation will be held at Four-D Success Academy, 952 S. Mt. Vernon Ave., Suite B in Colton. For more information, please call (909) 783-9331 and ask for Linda or Wendy.

March 29 - April 2, 2000, The 7th Annual Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival at Historic Melody Ranch™ Motion Picture Studio. Enjoy the magic of the Old West with performances by Michael Martin Murphey, the Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, Red Steagall, Joni Harms and more. For Festival information and ticket information, call toll free (800) 305-0755.

March 31, 8:00 p.m., The 42nd Annual Ebony Fashion Fair presents Fashions 2000 sponsored by Social Lites, Inc., of the Inland Empire. Tickets are \$30 reserved, \$25 balcony, and \$15.00 students. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact (909) 820-7661.

April 4, 12 noon - 6 p.m., more than 100 employers representing business, industry and government will be participating in Career Expo 2000 to all job seekers at the Coussoulis Arena, California State University San Bernardino. Admission and parking is free. Contact the Career Development Center website at career.csusb.edu or call (909) 880-5250 for information.

April 7, The Claremont Colleges' Student AIDS Awareness Committee will host a three-day display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The quilt will be on display in the Edmunds Ballroom of Pomona College's Smith Campus Center, 170 E. 6th Street, Friday, April 7, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 8, 6:00 p.m., a second annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at San Bernardino Juvenile Courts, 900 East Gilbert, San Bernardino in the memory of innocent lives lost due to the ongoing crime of child abuse. Events include the conclusion of the "Run For Kids" from San Diego, live entertainment, local and national coverage and much more. For more information, contact Melissa or Jessie at (909) 881-6760.

Applications are now being evaluated by The Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610 anytime.

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Mystic Seaport Launches Amistad America's First Civil Rights Case

The greatest milestone to date in the building of the freedom schooner Amistad took place yesterday when the 136-ton, 129-foot traditional 19th-century wooden ship emerged from the building in which she was built at Mystic Seaport, the nation's leading maritime museum, located in Mystic, Connecticut. Loaded onto a 56x21-foot specially-designed trailer, Amistad will be moved approximately 400 feet to the "lift dock,"

a marine elevator that will lower her into the water for the first time during the ship's launching ceremony on March 25. The vessel is a recreation and celebration of the historic ship that in 1839 was to carry 53 kidnapped Africans to a life of slavery, but instead delivered them to freedom, years before the end of the Civil War. The "new" Amistad will serve as a floating classroom, teaching the lessons of history, leadership and cooperation inherent in the Amistad incident of 1839 and its legacy.

Tutors Wanted. Help adults learn to read. Volunteers are needed for the Adult Literacy Program serving the Fontana, Rialto, and Bloomington libraries. The next tutor training workshops are being held Jan. 22 and 29 at the Fontana Library. To sign up or for more information, please call Virginia at (909) 350-4211.

The Salvation Army of Ontario is seeking the public's help with food and financial donations for its annual community Thanksgiving Day Meal on November 25. Captain Darren Trimmer of the Ontario Salvation Army anticipates serving 600 meals this year, which will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



After nearly two years and 45,000 person-hours of construction, Amistad stands fully painted and ready for launch on March 25.



Master shipcarver Gary Anderson creates Amistad's eagle figurehead which, when complete, will be covered with gold leaf.

at the Army's church facility at 1412 S. Euclid Avenue in Ontario. For more information, please call (909) 986-6748.

Classes

Home Care: Skills for the Family Care Giver Training, provided by American Red Cross, Inland Empire Chapter in San Bernardino. Three four-hour sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 18, and on Thursday, January 20. Pre-registration is required. To enroll or to request information on other Red Cross courses, call (909) 888-1481 or the Redlands Branch Office at (909) 793-2184.

Arthritis Self-Help Class Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Fontana and the Arthritis Foundation is offering a six-week Arthritis Self-Help Class. The class is open to Health Plan members and the public and a \$15 materials fee from January 17 February 21, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Medical Office Building 2, 6th Floor, 9961 Sierra Avenue, Fontana.

Meditation, the Sacred Journey, facilitator Na'Imah D. Powell, M.D., RSCP. For pre-registration contact Myra Allen (909) 789-1738.

Dispute Resolution, The Dispute Resolution Center, is currently

seeking community members to train as volunteer mediators. Qualified volunteers who commit to the program will receive 32 hours of training to become certified mediators. There is no cost for the certification. The fee for the mediation training class is \$150.00. Classes are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-9:10 p.m. For more information, call (909) 955-4903.

Support Groups

The Community Counseling Center at Cal State, San Bernardino is making appointments for adults facing such issues as depression, anxiety, traumatic life changes, relationship problems and eating disorders. A \$10 fee is charged for each 50-minute counseling session. For more information, call the Community Counseling Center at (909) 880-5569.

Option House, Inc. offers support groups for women who are victims of Domestic Violence. Support Groups are free and confidential, Sundays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Mondays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Groups are held at Domestic Violence Outreach Center, 3333 North "E" St. in San Bernardino. For more information, call (909) 882-0082.

Teen Group Sessions, held Tuesday and Thursday, 4-6 p.m. held at Tri-City Violence Prevention Outreach Center, 980 S. Bloomington Ave., Ste. B, Bloomington. The group discuss conflict resolution, violence prevention, effective community skills and more. For more information, call (909) 820-0400 or

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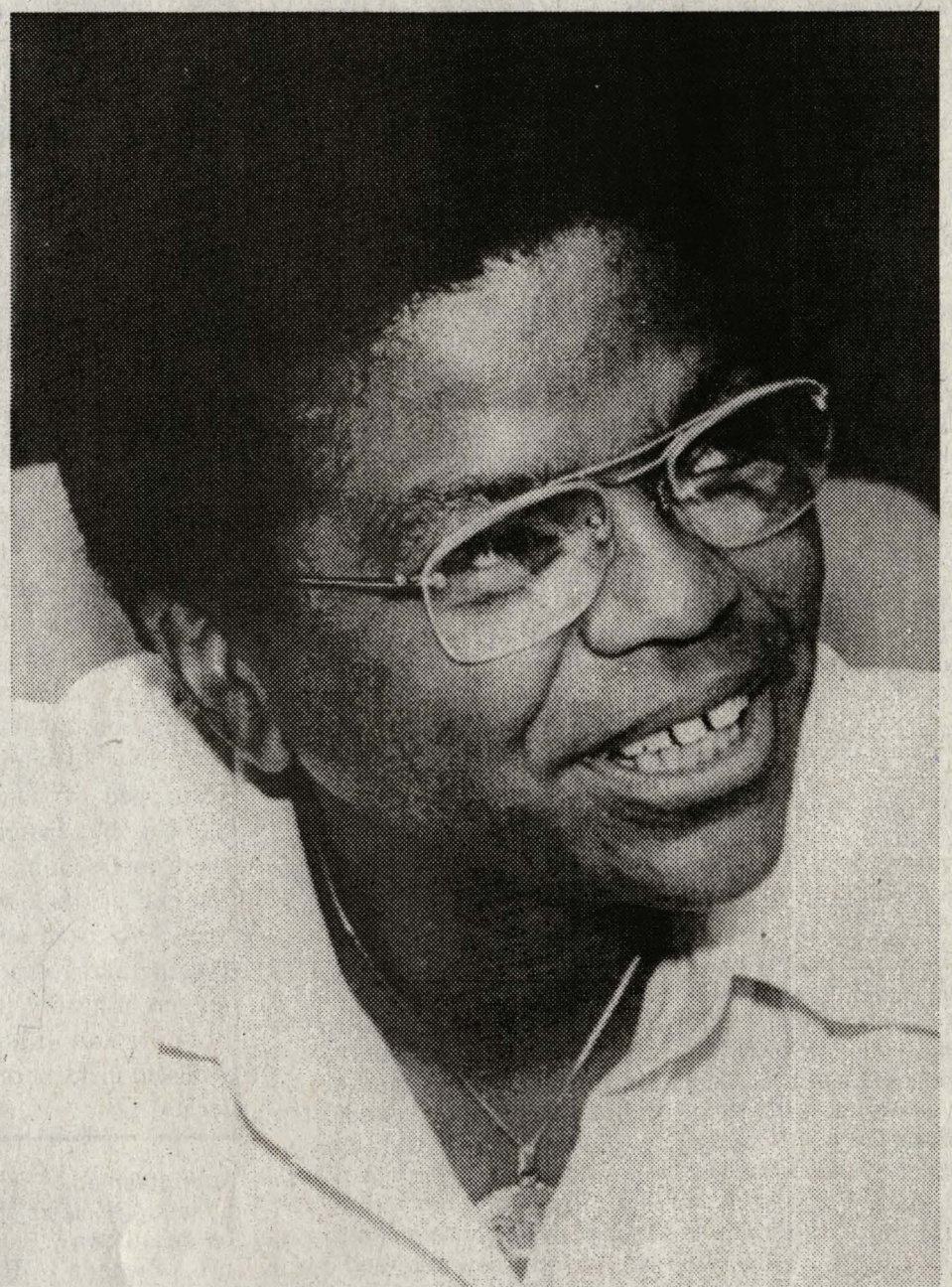
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 24111 Fawn Street
 Moreno Valley, CA 92553

This business is conducted by an Individual.
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 s/...Colin Brown
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 FILE NO. 001153

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ASSOCIATED SPECIALISTS IN HEARING DISORDERS / HEARING AIDS
 4440 Brocton Avenue - Ste. 210
 Riverside, CA 92501

Floyd E. Milner M.S., Au.D.
 4394 N. Vermont Street
 San Bernardino, CA 92407

Cher E. Milner
 4394 N. Vermont Street
 San Bernardino, CA 92407

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Cher Milner
 Business Phone: (909) 778-0181.
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 FILE NO. 001117

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
 (1) **MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND**
 (2) **CITRUS SWING ORCHESTRA**
 (3) **CITRUS WIND ENSEMBLE**
 (4) **CITRUS STOMPERS**
 11633 Black Hawk Lane
 Moreno Valley, CA 92557

This business is conducted by A Non-profit Corporation.
 Registrant commenced to transact business on 12/1/99.
 s/...Mark Vargas
 LLC/AI# 33-0621379
 Business Phone: (909) 784-4814.
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 FILE NO. 001339

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMEN MAGAZINE
 23881 Eucalyptus #88
 Moreno Valley, CA 92553
 Mailing Address:
 Post Office Box 7327
 Moreno Valley, CA 92553-7327

Yvette Briet Merrick
 23881 Eucalyptus #88
 Moreno Valley, CA 92553

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/16/00.

s/...Yvette Merrick
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 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 03/08/00.
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 FILE NO. 001895

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
H & V STORE
 9005 Mission Blvd.
 Glen Avon, CA 92509

Yong Kil Muhn
 859 N. Mountain Avenue #27G
 Upland, CA 91786

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

s/...Yong Kil Muhn
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 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 02/16/00.
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 FILE NO. 001238

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RIVERCITY EXPRESS
 1495 Mulberry Street
 Riverside, CA 92501

Edward Paul Keesling
 1495 Mulberry Street
 Riverside, CA 92501

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Edward Keesling
 Business Phone: (909) 233-4187
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 FILE NO. 001394

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
A. H.E.L.P.I.N.G. HAND SENIOR AND DISABLE CARE
 23635 Hemlock Avenue
 Moreno Valley, CA 92557
 Mailing Address:
 Post Office Box 94
 Moreno Valley, CA 92556

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Portia Johnson
 Business Phone: (909) 247-3293.
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another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 02/17/00.
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 GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk
 FILE NO. 001283

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FACE PLACE
 3713 Arlington Avenue Ste. B
 Riverside, CA 92506

Laha Jean Jamison
 4290 Michael Street
 Riverside, CA 92507

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1980.

s/...Laha Jamison
 LLC/AI#A184968
 Business Phone: (909) 784-7546.
 If Limited Liability Company/Corporation, Title Beach O'Neill
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
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 FILE NO. 001395

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SUNNY ICE CREAM COMPANY
 1201 University Avenue #116
 Riverside, CA 92507

Yong Hwan Kim (Sunny B&J Co)
 1156 W. Las Palmas
 Fullerton, CA 92835

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/1977.
 s/...Yong Hwan Kim
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 FILE NO. 001514

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JADELL ENTERPRISES
 8919 Paddington Drive
 Riverside, CA 92503

John Daniel Fletcher
 8919 Paddington Drive
 Riverside, CA 92503

Elizabeth Felicia Fletcher
 8919 Paddington Drive
 Riverside, CA 92503

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

s/...John D. Fletcher
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 FILE NO. 001521

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TILE BOYZ
 41991 Margarita Rd. #117
 Temecula, CA 92591

Matt (NMN) Scarpine
 41991 Margarita Rd. #117
 Temecula, CA 92591

Page (NMN) Scarpine
 41991 Margarita Rd. #117
 Temecula, CA 92591

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/15/99.
 s/...Page Scarpine
 s/...Matt Scarpine
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 FILE NO. 001189

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
KIMBERLYN'S BAIL BONDS
 45-895 Oasis Street
 Suite D
 Indio, CA 92201
 Mailing Address:
 31-855 Date Palm #3
 PMB 126
 Cathedral City, CA 92234

Kimberlyn Denise Lebsock
 31-855 Date Palm #3
 PMB 126
 Cathedral City, CA 92234

This business is conducted by an

Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Kimberlyn D. Lebsock
 Business Phone: (760) 770-2805.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 02/28/00.
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 FILE NO. 1-000475

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GOODY BASKETS
 2680 Flora Spiegel Way
 Corona, CA 92881

Vicki Sue Gordon
 2680 Flora Spiegel Way
 Corona, CA 92881

Lisa Renee Kovac
 1150 San Nicolas Crt. #102
 Corona, CA 92881

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Lisa R. Kovac
 Business Phone: (909) 735-8155.
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 FILE NO. 001555

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ECAMPUSSAVER.COM
 25614 Onate Drive
 Moreno Valley, CA 92557
 Mailing Address:
 74924 Country Club Drive
 Suite 150
 Palm Desert, CA 92260

Joseph Gilbert Pineda
 25614 Onate Drive
 Moreno Valley, CA 92557

Christina Marie Coyne
 44819 Fern Circle
 Temecula, CA 92592

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Joseph G. Pineda
 Business Phone: (909) 522-4548.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 02/25/00.
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 FILE NO. 001538

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FLEMING ELECTRIC
 1245 Park Avenue
 San Jacinto, CA 92583

Martin Bruce Fleming
 1245 Park Avenue
 San Jacinto, CA 92583

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/22/99.
 s/...Martin Bruce Fleming
 Business Phone: (909) 766-0015.
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 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 03/01/00.
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 FILE NO. 001652

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PITSTOP FOODS
 1343 Massachusetts Ave. #103
 Riverside, CA 92507

Khalid "M" Akbar
 1343 Massachusetts Ave. #103
 Riverside, CA 92507

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Khalid Akbar
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 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 02/29/00.
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 GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk
 FILE NO. 001605

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BOB LYNN PHOTOGRAPHY
 11388 Trust Way

Moreno Valley, CA 92555
 Allan Lee Aab
 11388 Trust Way
 Moreno Valley, CA 92555

Debra Lynn Aab
 11388 Trust Way
 Moreno Valley, CA 92555

This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband & Wife.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/1/00.

s/...Allan L. Aab
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code)
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 GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk
 FILE NO. 001709

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
I. S. KAM ENTERPRISE
 3488 Madison Street
 Riverside, CA 92507

Mohammad Islam Qur'ishi
 6601 Victoria Avenue - Apt. 480-N
 Highland, CA 92346

Mohammad Salam Samdani
 6601 Victoria Avenue - Apt. 356-T
 Highland, CA 92346

This business is conducted by an Individual.
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 s/...Mohammad Islam Qureshi
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 FILE NO. 001174

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SOUNDS LIKE MUSIC
 10117 Hole Avenue
 Riverside, CA 92503

Donald Jerry Watson
 3734 Hoover Street
 Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/22/00.
 s/...Don Watson
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 FILE NO. 001447

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PROMISES EVERLASTING CHOSEN PEACE
 4687 Granada Avenue
 Riverside, CA 92504

Lisa Marshelle Betten
 4687 Granada Avenue
 Riverside, CA 92504

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Lisa Betten
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 FILE NO. 001864

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
EMERGENCY SURGICAL ASSOCIATES
 3334 Durahart Street
 Riverside, CA 92507
 Mailing Address:
 P.O. Box 1181
 Moreno Valley, CA 92556

Thorocor Medical Enterprises, Inc.
 4000 14th Street, Suite 210
 Riverside, CA 92501

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

s/...A. J. Rogers, M.D.
 President
 LLC/AI# A435264
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FILE NO. 001950
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BOULDER SPRINGS RANCH
 23578 Beech Street
 Hemet, CA 92545

Christopher Alan Gray
 23578 Beech Street
 Hemet, CA 92545

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Christopher A. Gray
 Business Phone: (909) 926-0922
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 FILE NO. 001870

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
REGIONS TRATTORIA/ REGIONS WORLD WIDE GRILL
 4480 Main Street Suite 100
 Riverside, CA 92501

Leslie Lee
 25658 Pacato Rd.
 Moreno Valley, CA 92551

This business is conducted by an Individual.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Leslie Lee
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 GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk
 FILE NO. 002100

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
RAINBOW COLOR GRAPHICS
 2241 Firebraud Ave.
 Perris, CA 92571

Andrea Martin-Stevenson
 2241 Firebraud Ave.
 Perris, CA 92571

Jimmie Lee Stevenson, II
 2241 Firebraud Ave.
 Perris, CA 92571

This business is conducted by an Individual/Husband & Wife.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/4/99.
 s/...Andrea Martin-Stevenson
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 FILE NO. 001453

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ELLIE'S BOOKS 'N MORE
 12-B S. San Gorgonio Ave.
 Banning, CA 92220

Estelle Lewis
 642 E. Wilson
 Banning, CA 92220

Lester Lewis ("D")
 642 E. Wilson
 Banning, CA 92220

This business is conducted by an Individual/Husband & Wife.
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.
 s/...Estelle Lewis
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 Statement filed with the County of Riverside on 03/10/00.
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 GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk
 FILE NO. 002033

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BELARAY MOTOR SPORTS
 201 W. Big Springs Rd.
 Riverside, CA 92507

Wayne Chen
 139 S. Palm Dr. #201
 Beverly Hills, CA 90212

Xuyen Van Johnny Lam
 1248 Blaine St. #F
 Riverside, CA 925070

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 2/15/00.
 s/...Johnny Lam
 Business Phone: (909) 926-0922
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 GARY L. ORSO, County Clerk
 FILE NO. 001171

County Clerk
 County of Riverside
 2724 Gateway Drive
 Riverside, California 92507
 Mailing: P.O. Box 751
 Riverside, CA 92502-0751

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name: **LENNANS CARPET SERVICE** located at **551 E. Riverside Drive - Ontario, CA 91761** has been abandoned by the following

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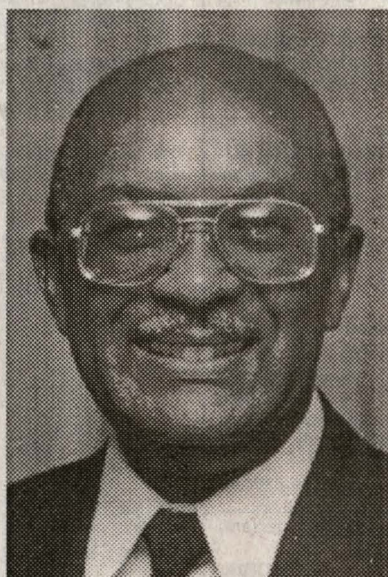
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Mayor Ron Loveridge

On Saturday, March 18, 2000 a health care forum will be held at Bordwell Park in the Stratton



Councilman Ameal Moore

Center, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd., in Riverside. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m. The topic for this forum will be "Ensuring Health

Services for all in Riverside."

The keynote speakers will be Mayor Ron Loveridge, Councilman Ameal Moore, Assemblyman Rod Pacheco and a panel of health administrators from Parkview Community Hospital, Kaiser Permanente



Assemblyman Rod Pacheco

Hospital and Riverside and other experts in the health Community Health Foundation field.

For more information, contact (909) 688-2211, ext. 1456.

Mary Frances Berry Keynotes Women's Conference 2000

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give the keynote address.

The featured speaker is Anita Perez Ferguson, author of "A Passion for Politics" and "Encouraging Women in Leadership" and the immediate past president of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Aileen Hernandez and Marilyn Fowler, both leaders of The California Women's Agenda, will also speak.

The night before, the UCR Women's Resource Center will induct three local women into the women's Hall of Fame during a ceremony and dinner at 6 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Registrar of Voters office, 2724 Gateway Dr., Riverside.

Registration for Saturday workshops costs \$40 per person with discounts for UCR staff, students and alumni. Businesses wishing to set up exhibit tables at the fair will be

charged \$50, while non-profit groups can exhibit at no charge.

Individual tickets for the Hall of Fame Dinner and Ceremony cost \$75, with package deals available that include event sponsorship, exhibit tables or recognition in the program materials.

Further information is available from the UCR Women's Resource Center, (909) 787-3337.

Third Annual Celebration of Women Luncheon Set March 17th

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RIVERSIDE

In celebration of Women's History month, Latino Network (La Net) will be celebrating the contributions of Inland Empire Women during the Third Annual Celebration De La Mujer (Celebration of Women) luncheon. This event will take place on Friday, March 17th at Zacatecas Restaurant (2472 University Avenue in Riverside) from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Several Inland empire women will be honored for their contributions in the areas of Education, Business, Community Service and Culture & Tradition. Also a community youth will be honored for her

leadership and personal perseverance.

This year's honorees are Delfina Lopez Bryant, Director; Linda Martinez, Poly High School; Frances Nahas, owner; Rosa Marta Zarate, Nun and coordinator/founding member

of "Calpulli" Community Services; Patricia Molina, Officer; and Wendy Duran, Student.

For more information call Josefina E. Canchola (909) 788-1021 or for reservations (909) 683-8935.

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bark the mad and hungry dogs, Making their mock at our accursed lot.

If we must die, O let us nobly die So that our precious blood may not be shed

In vain, then even the monsters we defy Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!

O kinsmen! We must meet the common foe! Though far outnumbered let us

show us brave, And for their thousand blows deal one death blow!

What though before us lies the open grave?

Like men we'll face the murderous cowardly pack, Press to the wall, dying, but fighting back!

The time is here for massive protest, boycotts and aggressive action from everyone who have benefited from the bullets King and Malcolm took on our behalf.

Lawrence Watson

Stand Up...Be Counted!

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SAN BERNARDINO

By now residents of Southern California have received their advance notice of the upcoming Census 2000 and during this week they will be receiving their actual census forms. The Inland Empire Chapter of the American Red Cross has received status as a

Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) for the U.S. Census 2000. Residents who have questions or need assistance in completing their census forms may seek help at the Red Cross Chapter.

The Red Cross is committed to focusing on the specific needs of the community, have trained personnel to help residents with their census forms. We are not

a government agency. Your privacy is protected by law.

The American red Cross (QAC), located at 202 W. Rialto Avenue in San Bernardino is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Saturday 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. For information or to schedule an appointment, please call Judy Ritter at (909) 888-1481.

Our Bodies



Ernest C. Levister, Jr., M.D.
F.A.C.P. F.A.C.P.M.

Dear Dr. Levister: My husband is a physical abuser. Privately I fear for my life. What shall I do?

L.L.

Dear L.L.: Get out! If you are being abused, you must leave right away. If you feel that you cannot make the move for emotional or financial reasons, at least go to a domestic violence shelter for counseling. That innocent slap or punch, often leads to serious injury and death. Women often assume that the worst will never happen. "He may hit me, but he would never cut, burn or shoot me," they say. then when it happens, they are genuinely shocked.

Domestic violence is not a Black issue. The truth is, domestic violence crosses all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and gender lines. Abuse appears more frequently among the economically disadvantaged because educated, middle class and affluent women tend to have more resources that make it possible for them to avoid or leave violent relationships. They may also seek confidential professional help instead of counseling at residential shelters.

One out of every nine women who seek care in hospital emergency rooms is the victim of domestic violence. Because most incidents of abuse aren't reported, the statistics that are available are often inaccurate. Women fear that some how the attacker will get back at them, or they worry that they will be shunned by their community, family and friends. Some women feel it's a private matter and that the police can't or won't be able to help.

The U.S. Justice Department estimates that women experience more than 10 times as many incidents of violence by an intimate

When Home is Where the Hurt Is

partner or ex-partner than men. However, as family structures and roles shift an increasing number of men are victims of domestic violence. When it comes to coping, with abuse African American women tend to engage in denial rather than facing up to the problem. Recognize the signs of domestic violence. Drinking and drug problems are no excuse. Be aware of the 'honeymoon' phase, during which the abuser promises to reform.

If you find yourself in an abusive relationship, follow these steps. Prioritize: Get out of harms way. Seek support: legal advice, or

advice from a local hot line. Make a plan: Get your kids to safety, gain access to money, credit cards, hotels. Get professional help: If you are not ready to leave, at least go for counseling. It could save your life!

Dr. Levister welcomes reader mail concerning their body but regrets that he cannot answer individual letters. Your letters will be incorporated into the column as space permits. You may direct your letters to Dr. Levister in care of Voice News, P.O. Box 1581, Riverside, CA 92502.

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**He has his daddy's eyes
and his mamma's lungs.**

Kyle is the spitting image of his father, but it's his mother he really takes after. Like his mother, Kyle has a terrible cough. She thinks coughing is normal for children Kyle's age; she doesn't realize he is suffering from chronic bronchitis and asthma caused by exposure to cigarette smoke at home. Unfortunately, Kyle's parents, like many other caring parents, are unaware of the very real dangers of secondhand smoke. If you smoke around your children, the secondhand smoke can cause serious respiratory problems, some of them fatal, as well as increased allergic reactions, ear infections and flu symptoms. So, for your family's sake, please don't smoke.

Secondhand Smoke Kills.

California Department Of Health Services